

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

Age 50 and older and ever had a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy:

- In 1999, 43% of Montana adults aged 50 and older reported that they had ever had a sigmoidoscopic or colonoscopic exam.
- More adults aged 65 and older ($\geq 52\%$) reported that they had ever had a sigmoidoscopic or colonoscopic exam compared to adults aged 50 to 64 (35%).
- Small sample sizes and broad confidence intervals obscure differences in percentages among subpopulations.

Age 50 and older and had a home blood stool test in the past two years:

- Twenty-six percent of Montana adults aged 50 and older reported in 1999 that they had had a home blood stool test within the past two years.
- Small sample sizes and broad confidence intervals obscure differences in percentages among subpopulations.

Healthy People 2000 Objective:

- 16.13 Increase to at least 50 percent the proportion of people aged 50 and older who have received fecal occult blood testing within the preceding 1-2 years, and to at least 40 percent those who have ever received proctosigmoidoscopy.

Healthy People 2010 Objective:

- 3-2a Increase the proportion of adults aged 50 and older who have received a fecal occult blood test within the preceding 2 years to at least 50 percent.
- 3-2b Increase the proportion of adults aged 50 and older who have ever received a sigmoidoscopy to at least 50 percent.

Table 15. Colorectal Cancer Screening, Montana Adults Aged 50 and Older, 1999 (with 95% confidence intervals).

| | Ever had a proctoscopic exam | | | | Had a home blood stool test in past 2 years | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----|------|-------------|---|-----|------|-------------|
| | Total No. | No. | % | CI (+/-) | Total No. | No. | % | CI (+/-) |
| Adults 50+ 1999 | 798 | 342 | 43.2 | (3.8) | 792 | 203 | 26.4 | (3.5) |
| Sex: | | | | | | | | |
| Male 50+ | 319 | 136 | 43.3 | (6.1) | 316 | 67 | 22.4 | (5.4) |
| Female 50+ | 479 | 206 | 43.1 | (4.8) | 476 | 136 | 29.8 | (4.5) |
| Age: | | | | | | | | |
| 50 - 64 | 420 | 147 | 34.5 | (4.9) | 417 | 104 | 25.0 | (4.4) |
| 65 - 74 | 216 | 110 | 52.1 | (7.5) | 214 | 57 | 28.6 | (7.4) |
| 75+ | 162 | 85 | 54.1 | (8.4) | 161 | 42 | 27.0 | (7.5) |
| Education: | | | | | | | | |
| <High School | 107 | 52 | 52.7 | (10.4) | 108 | 27 | 26.1 | (9.1) |
| High School | 290 | 120 | 40.8 | (6.1) | 288 | 74 | 26.1 | (5.5) |
| Some College | 206 | 78 | 36.8 | (7.1) | 203 | 50 | 23.6 | (6.2) |
| College Degree | 192 | 91 | 47.8 | (8.3) | 190 | 52 | 29.9 | (8.0) |
| Income: | | | | | | | | |
| <\$10,000 | 36 | | | | 37 | | | |
| \$10,000 - \$19,999 | 115 | 48 | 41.9 | (10.5) | 116 | 30 | 24.9 | (8.8) |
| \$20,000 - \$34,999 | 187 | 82 | 42.6 | (7.6) | 186 | 52 | 27.0 | (6.8) |
| \$35,000 - \$49,999 | 102 | 48 | 51.5 | (10.4) | 100 | 31 | 33.7 | (10.1) |
| \$50,000+ | 107 | 38 | 37.6 | (11.3) | 106 | 26 | 28.1 | (11.2) |
| Race: | | | | | | | | |
| White, non-Hispanic | 757 | 330 | 44.1 | (3.9) | 754 | 196 | 27.0 | (3.6) |
| Non-white or Hispanic | 39 | | | | 35 | | | |

Figure 16. Colorectal Cancer Screening, Montana Adults Aged 50 and Older, 1993-1999.

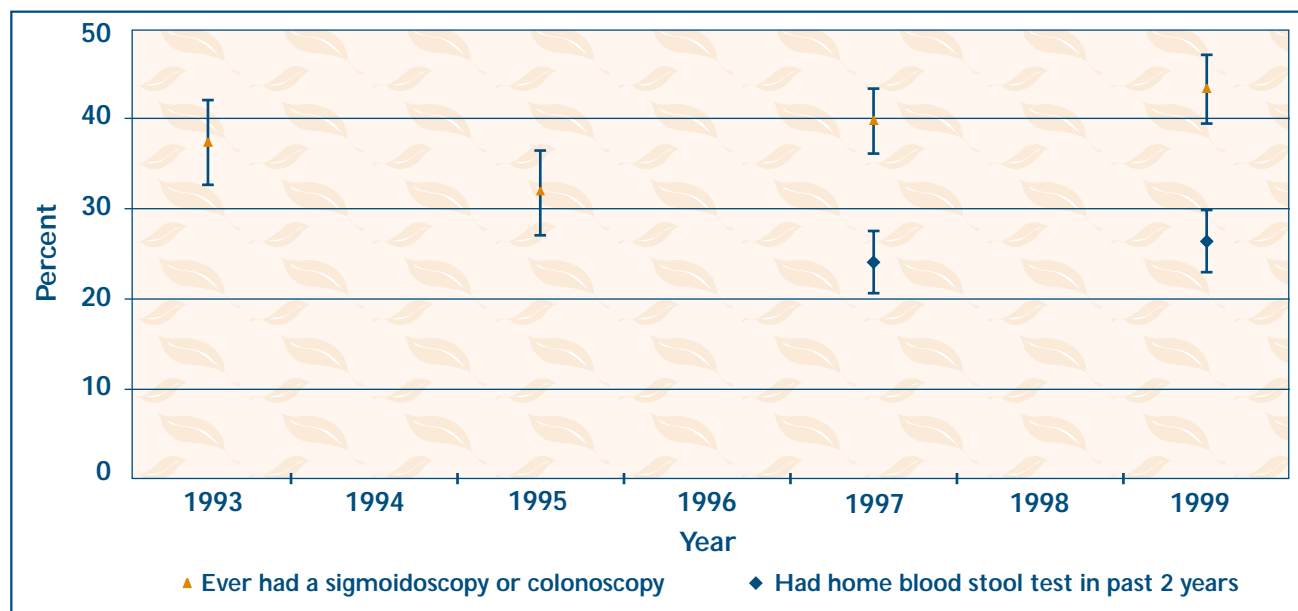


Figure 17. Time Since Last Colorectal Cancer Screening, Montana Adults Aged 50 and Older, 1999.

